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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI'S REMARKS ON REMAINING IN OFFICE

1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, ADDRESSING THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE SSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON MARCH 12, RECALLED THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY FAVORED PRESIDENTIAL TERMS OF FOUR YEARS EACH, WITH NO MAN TO SERVE MORE THAN TWO TERMS. (SIX-YEAR TERMS WERE EVENTUALLY SET.) NIMEIRI THEN EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS FOLLOWS:

"I BELIEVE THAT A PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS IS TOO LONG FOR ANY PRESIDENT TO AFFORD. THERE ARE CERTAIN CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE PHYSICAL FITNESS, WHICH MUST BE MET BY THE PERSON WHO IS TO LEAD THE SUDAN'S REVOLUTIONARY MARCH FOR SIX MORE YEARS. SECONDLY, I BELIEVE THAT A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP ALWAYS PROVIDES THE REVOLUTION WITH A NEW MOMENTUM."

2. COMMENT: NIMEIRI'S CURRENT TERM EXPIRES IN OCTOBER 1977 AND HIS REMARKS MAY HAVE CAUSED SOME SPECULATION ABROAD ON HIS INTENTIONS. FEW PEOPLE HERE, HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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BELIEVE THAT NIMEIRI WOULD VOLUNTARILY STEP DOWN. ALREADY,

PLEAS AND PROTESTS ARE BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN THE PRESS,  
SUCH AS ONE FROM THE SSU PARLIAMENTARY GROUP INSISTING  
THAT NIMEIRI REMAIN AS LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION AND  
ALLEGING THAT "REFERENCE TO THAT MATTER HAS CAUSED  
UNREST AMONG THE MASSES". BREWER

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